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2. European Patent Application No. EP 0 242 840 B1 - An English-language translation of the claims is found at columns 12-14 of this document. The relevance

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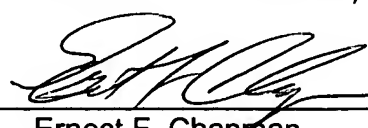
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